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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 July 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 17-26 and 32 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-26 and 32 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 17-23 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/1/03.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

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1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group III (claims 17-23) in the reply filed on 7/6/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the product of Group III is not used in a materially different process from that of group IV (in view of the amendment to claim 24). This is not found persuasive because the product does not require the step of connecting a bracket to the motorcycle.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 24-26 and 32 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

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directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Murayama.

Murayama teaches a system having the structure as broadly claimed. As shown in fig. 8, the system includes a first bracket 24, a second bracket 53, a tail 54 and an aperture 241. As shown in fig. 8, the brackets are disengaged by rotation of the second bracket about a line of contact. The cowl 1 is considered to comprise a spacer as broadly claimed. As discussed at col. 2, line 16, the cowl 1 is attached to the body of the motorcycle. The body of the motorcycle is considered to comprise a riser as broadly claimed.

5. Claims 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Willey '965.

Willey teaches a system having the structure as broadly claimed. As shown in figs. 1 and 2, the system includes a first bracket 58/60, a second bracket 88, a spacer 56, and a riser (the part of the fork tubes that are below the spacer 56).

6. Claims 17, 18, 20, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stanberry.

Stanberry teaches a system having the structure as broadly claimed. The system includes a first bracket 2, a second bracket (including rotatable screw 48, fig. 6A), a spacer 40, and a riser 44. The first bracket 2 includes an aperture having a grommet 36, and the second bracket includes a tail portion 22 passing through the aperture.

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Jolin, Seegers, Moreschi, and Willey '166 disclose various devices having features in common with the instant invention.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel G. DePumpo whose telephone number is 703 308-1113. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 703 308 1113. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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